

City of Riverdale
Mayor and Council Meeting
Work Session Minutes
October 11, 2010

The Riverdale Mayor and City Council met on October 11, 2010 at 6:05 pm for the purpose of conducting a regular work session. The meeting was held in the Council Chambers conference room at the Riverdale City Hall located at 6690 Church Street, Riverdale, Georgia 30274.

Call to Order and Welcome

With a quorum present, Mayor Evelyn Wynn-Dixon called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

Roll Call

All members of the governing body were present.

Approval of Agenda: Mayor Dixon called for additions, deletions, and /or changes to the regular session agenda. There were no changes made to the work session agenda.

Postponed: None

Tabled: None

Additions: None

There was general consensus to move forward with the work session agenda as published.

City Manager's Report:

Iris Jessie, City Manager, informed the Mayor and Council about an agenda item that needs to be added to the Business Meeting Agenda. Lonnie Ballard, Assistant City Manager and Director of Community, Arts and Leisure Services will present an item for discussion and possible action related to fees associated with the Community Centre, Amphitheater and Pavilion.

Ms. Camilla Moore presented some information on the public hearings being held to discuss the proposed Overlay District. She distributed a new card that is being distributed to business managers and property owners.

Chief Samuel Patterson informed the Mayor and Council about action taken by the Police Department against businesses operating illegal gaming machines. Chief Patterson also informed the body that the weekend's events were "incident" free. He stated that everyone worked well together and that he was pleased with the cooperation demonstrated by all departments and those attending the events.

Councilmembers Cynthia Stamps Jones, Wanda Wallace, Kenneth Ruffin and Mayor Dixon all congratulated the staff of a job well done. They stated that the citizens expressed their cooperation and pride in the new buildings.

The next item on the City Manager's agenda was a presentation by Lonnie Ballard, Assistant City Manager and Director of Community, Arts and Leisure Services on the proposed fees for memberships, room rentals and rental of the Amphitheater and Pavilion. Mr. Ballard stated that he did research on surrounding facilities before setting the proposed fees. He indicated that the fee schedule he is proposing is well in line with other municipally operated facilities.

Councilmember Stamps Jones asked about a rate for non-profits. Mr. Ballard proposed a 20% reduction for any rentals made before December 31, 2010. The events could occur within the future but they would have to be booked before the end of the year. A discussion regarding the non-profit rate ensued but the general consensus was to offer only one discount – the 20% proposed by Mr. Ballard. There was agreement that the fees can be revisited, particularly those charged to educational institutions and governmental entities.

A discussion regarding the hours of operation was led by Mr. Ballard. Councilmember Stamps Jones asked about the Saturday hours and indicated that closing at 6pm seemed too early. Councilmembers Wallace and Ruffin suggested that we might want to offer seasonal hours and remain open longer during the daylight saving months. All agreed to revisit this issue at a later date.

In conjunction with the discussion on fees, Iris Jessie informed the Mayor and Council that she expected to begin moving into the new city hall the week of October 18, 2010. The Administrative Offices and Court Services will operate in their new offices beginning October 25. The City Council will meet in the new council chambers on October 25.

Overview of Business Session Agenda

The Business Agenda was amended by consensus to include the Resolutions 65-11-2010 Approval of Fee Schedule for Community Centre, City Hall and Amphitheater.

Discussion of Agenda Items for the Next Meeting

No agenda items for the next meeting were discussed.

Motion to Adjourn the Work Session

Councilmember Wanda Wallace moved to adjourn the work session and Councilmember Cynthia Stamps-Jones seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.